

## 1600 BLOCK ENDS BUSY YEAR WITH ANNUAL BANQUET

Members of Commercial Organization Hold Spread at Rock Island House.

### HERZOG NEW PRESIDENT

Fred E. Burgert Selected as Secretary—Reports Show Much Has Been Accomplished.

The initial year's work of the 1600 Block Business Men's association was officially brought to a close last evening when the annual banquet of the organization was held at the Rock Island house. Twenty-three were present including some of the landlords of the block.

Following an inviting spread, officers for the year were elected as follows:

President—G. P. Herzog.  
Vice president—J. H. Paulsen.  
Secretary—Fred E. Burgert.  
Treasurer—K. T. Anderson.  
A. J. Riess was at the outset unanimously re-elected president, but declined to serve and tendered his resignation, which was accepted. A contest developed for the office of vice president, Sam Bowby and J. H. Paulsen being nominated. Ballots were distributed and Mr. Paulsen won by a slight margin. Mr. Burgert was chosen secretary without opposition, and Mr. Anderson's reelection as treasurer was also unanimous.

### Riess Makes Report.

The election was followed by the annual report of President A. J. Riess. He discussed the organization of the association and what had been accomplished during the year. He spoke of some of the difficulties which had been met and the discouragements which met any progressive movement but declared that through hearty co-operation and a fine spirit of harmony, the members had been able to make an excellent showing during the past six months.

He touched on some of the projects which have been under consideration but not yet carried to completion, among them being a comfort station on Market square; the removal of the scale house to vicinity of the central fire station; the interurban terminal on Market square; organization of the 1500 Block; lights on the dome of the court house; and greater work along lines of civic improvement.

The advertising which the block has received through its enterprise was emphasized and the part which the newspapers of the city have had in this work was mentioned. The value of the improvements which have been made in the block was enlarged upon, the speaker showing that it had been money well spent by the landlords.

### Spend Nearly \$1,000.

Secretary W. M. Beal read an interesting report of the year's work. He told of some of the things that have been done and the aims for the future and urged that the projects be pushed with untiring energy.

In the absence of Treasurer K. T. Anderson, C. F. Channon read his report for a period covering from June 30 to Dec. 14, in which it was shown that nearly \$1,000 had been spent, with a balance on hand.

### Farewell for Jones.

J. W. Jones, who has been rightly named "father of the block," and who will leave the association the first of the year, to move to the 1800 block, was extended a farewell by President Riess in behalf of the association. Mr. Jones responded by telling the members that although he was leaving them as a member, his heart would be in their work next year, and that he would assist them whenever they called upon him.

Leopold Simon, representing the property holders, extended his greetings, spoke of the tangible results that had attended the efforts of the business men of the block, and stated that where such a spirit was manifest the property holders could not fail to profit. Mr. Simon believed that in return the property holders should show their appreciation by co-operation and assistance. He felt that the association should have every encouragement on the part of the property holders for relieving the block, and raising property values, and for his part he felt the business men would be rewarded for so doing and encouraged. He was willing to keep up with the work of improvements so far as his property was concerned, and to help the association in every way possible. Mr. Simon, therefore, made a contribution of \$25 to the association's treasury.

### Cooperative Spirit Commended.

In his talk which followed Mr. Simon's address, H. P. Simpson said it was both a gratifying and a healthy sign of the times to witness the co-operation of the business men that had been shown. He commended the spirit evinced by Mr. Simon, and said that it was encouraging to see the property holders eager to help the business men, rather than seeking the opportunity to raise the rent, as had sometimes occurred, where the zeal and high regard of property occupants had really raised real estate values; all fares the lower where the landlord seeks at once to cash the enterprise of his tenant at the expense of the tenant whose very spirit had contributed to the property's material progress, to say nothing of the enhancement of the property he occupied. Mr. Simpson reviewed the suggestions made in the address of the retiring president, and urged that among the achievements

### Officers Selected by 1600 Block Merchants



George P. Herzog,  
President.



J. H. Paulsen,  
Vice President.



Fred E. Burgert,  
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K. T. Anderson,  
Treasurer.

to be undertaken in the new year, be the erection of an interurban station in the present Market square, and the bringing in of interurbans, not by avenues again, which there are valid objections, but by feasible routes.  
W. O. Neuge stated that he was one of the original 1600 block boosters. He was always ready with means and effort to do his part. He thereupon depicted Mr. Simon's contribution of \$25 to the association's treasury, and J. W. Jones made a like subscription.  
Various of those present were called upon to express their views of the work during the past year by President Riess and each responded with short and interesting talks.  
Enderze Hamill Bill.  
A communication from the Mail Carriers' association was read by Secretary Beal, asking the endorsement

## CHRISTMAS MAIL ALREADY STARTS

Patrons of Post Office Following Instructions by Sending Packages Early.

### LIST OF DON'TS GIVEN OUT

Congestion and Delay Can Be Relieved If Public Will Heed Suggestions Made.

The recent suggestions of the post-office authorities that holiday mail be sent without delay, is being accepted by the public and many packages have already been received with the directions "Do not open until Christmas" on them. It is believed in this way that much of the congestion which usually occurs with the mails at Christmas time will be relieved.

### List of Don'ts.

Postmaster H. P. Simpson today gave out a list of some reasonable postoffice "don'ts" which patrons of the office would do well to heed.

Don't fail to mail your Christmas packages NOW.

Don't forget that parcel post packages must be presented at the post-office or stations. They must not be placed in street package boxes.

Don't forget that a message such as "Not To Be Opened Until Christmas" is permitted to be written on all packages.

Don't fail to wrap packages securely.

Don't fail to place name and address of sender on parcels, as well as that of addressee.

Don't fail to write names and addresses of sender and addressee on packages, even if a tag is used. (Tag may become unstuffed and then your package will still bear address on the wrapper.)

Don't forget that messages such as "Merry Christmas," "With Best Wishes," etc., may be enclosed with mail matter.

Don't seal your packages, as sealed parcels are subject to postage at the letter rate.

Don't place Red Cross stamps or Christmas stickers on the address side of parcels.

Don't put Christmas stamps or sealing wax on the string, that seals the package, subjecting it to letter postage.

Don't fail to insure valuable parcels, fee 5 and 10 cents.

Don't put off mailing until Christmas eve. The most perfected machinery cannot perform its work successfully if strained beyond its capacity.

Don't flood the mail with holiday postal cards at the last hour, expecting that they will reach their destination at the desired moment. It requires as much time to handle a post card as a first class letter, and a little cooperation and consideration will contribute to the efficient service the department is anxious to give to all classes of mail.

of the association for the Hamill bill, now pending in congress. The bill provides for a pension for superannuated civil service employees, and it was heartily endorsed by the members.

President Riess closed the session with a rising vote of thanks to the landlords present, the city newspapers, and all who have assisted the association during the past year.

A list of those present at the annual session included S. W. Bowby, Tom Simcox, Arthur Schaller, J. W. Jones, H. W. Miller, Fred E. Burgert, J. Hill, W. M. Beal, C. F. Channon, John Oswald, J. E. Paulsen, J. C. Stevens, B. M. Jones, C. C. MacMillen, O. W. Billings, M. J. Jones, L. Simon, W. O. Neuge, H. P. Simpson, George McKinney of the Union and Carl Ed of The Argus.

### Much Accomplished.

The 1600 Block Business Men's association was organized at a meeting held March 6, for the sole purpose of stimulating trade in the block. Since that time this little band of energetic merchants has accomplished wonders in the brief space of nine months. Harmony and cooperation, a thing that has not always been present among merchants of the city, was firmly established, and the work accomplished has not only benefited the block, but the entire city of Rock Island. The 1600 block merchants first launched a campaign to remove the dangerous and unsightly overhanging signs and all objectionable displays on the sidewalk.

Formerly from three to five stores were vacant the year round in the block and Seventeenth street was the stopping place of a good share of the trade. The white block is now a big part of the city's business section. Where one person walked through the block a year ago, 100 pass now. The block is known from coast to coast.

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Fine satin messaline, 35 inches wide in a nice weight all pan silk and dye at \$1.50.

54 inch black satin Duchesse, suitable for coats and dresses, \$2.75 quality for \$2.00.

Black silk poplin, 40 inches wide, delightful soft finish, \$1.50 and \$1.00.

Excellent quality all silk crepe-de-chine, 40 inches, fine value, \$1.29.

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### STOCK QUARANTINE IN SCOTT COUNTY LIFTED

The complete lifting of the quarantine on live stock on account of the hoof and mouth disease was announced for Scott county yesterday, the regulations have been unusually strict there. This action was brought about through the efforts of Congressman Henry Volmer at Washington.

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